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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from Pakistan to this fourth cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends Pakistan for the efforts made during the review period to improve the human rights situation. In this regard, we welcome the launch of the National Gender Policy Framework in March 2022, aimed at improving the lives of women and providing them with equal opportunities.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to improve training and capacity building for personnel responsible for human rights promotion and protection at all levels.
2. Intensify action on mitigation and adaptation measures to effectively tackle climate change.

We wish Pakistan a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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